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All of these societies have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

The Association was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity. In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

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The National Alliance was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

The Union was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

The Temperance Society is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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EDITORIAL

THIS present June number of *Word and Work* is the ninth and last issue during what we regard as the church year. The July, August and September issues will be omitted as usual.

This does not imply that our denominational interests are to be suspended for three months, nor that the spirit of religion among Unitarians goes into a state of coma until October. It simply means that during the months when the majority of our churches are closed, when many of the people are absent from home and the modern necessity for relaxation and rest compels a cessation of strenuous care, no attempt will be made to report the activities of our national organizations. There are to be various summer schools and conferences, at Meadville, at the Isles of Shoals, and at Proctor Academy, Andover, N. H. Special summer union services will be held in several of the churches in and around Boston and along the North Shore, and at various summer resorts. Arrangements are being made by a large number of people to join in the pilgrimage across the continent to attend the General Conference at San Francisco during the Panama Exposition. Many of the preachers will take part in the various meetings to be held at points in Canada and on the Pacific Coast and, on the return trip, at various cities across the continent, while the accompanying hosts will carry good cheer and comradeship to the isolated congregations that receive them along the way.

The work at headquarters will go on as usual. The officers of the American Unitarian Association, the Alliance, the Sunday School Society, and the Young People's Religious Union are so arranging their vacations that a sufficient force will be present at all times. During the summer, too, plans for the work of the coming year will be developed. Already, in a general way, lecture courses publicity campaigns, ministers' meetings, and the itineraries of field agents are under consideration, the details of such enterprises to be worked out during the summer months.

A SPECIAL commission to read and revise the entire free tract list has been appointed under instructions from the Board of Directors of the Associiation. The work of this commission will be begun during the summer, with the hope of an ample report in the autumn. The commission is made up of representatives from the Alliance, the Post Office Mission, the Cheerful Letter Workers, and the Publication Committee of the Association. In its present form the list of our free publications has been a gradual growth, resulting in some three hundred and sixty titles. Many of these tracts have passed through so many editions that the plates are badly worn and will have to be reset and stereotyped. In not a few instances needless duplications have occurred and, on the other hand, various subjects have been called for from time to time which have not been adequately treated. Certain tracts when originally

published contained local and occasional features, or references to contemporary persons and incidents which are no longer relevant. The rapid march of events, and changes in the theological and scientific aspects of modern thought necessitate the careful examination of many tracts; while, at the same time, the utmost discrimination must be observed to preserve the many vital and helpful older pamphlets which are still priceless for those who are groping their way out of medieval and dogmatic interpretations of religion. This commission is fully aware that many of our illuminating tracts were written many years ago and they are not deluded by the impression that all the newest things are best; while, at the same time, they fully realize that the great public to which these religious documents are addressed is in constant need of up-to-date interpretations of the numberless ethical and religious problems that constantly appear. As a result of the inspection to which the tract list will be thus subjected it is hoped that the important work of making known the beliefs and principles for which we stand will be facilitated both from a financial and denominational point of view.

THE Anniversary Meetings of 1915 were so largely attended that some of them were overcrowded, suggesting the necessity of holding them in larger auditoriums. The spirit of the week was earnest, optimistic, and receptive of the best that the many speakers had to offer. Evidently there was a general conviction that Unitarianism has already entered upon its larger opportunities and is looking forward to an ever-widening field of usefulness. Various resolutions have from time to time been offered at the Annual Meeting of the Association, urging the churches to engage in a spirit of greater enthusiasm and self-sacrifice in the work of spreading the knowledge and increasing the influence of our faith. Such resolutions were not lacking this year. The American Unitarian Association is perpetually seeking to accomplish the greatest possible results in the way of church extension, the distribution of literature and the promotion of philanthropic enterprises and, itself, would hardly need to be spurred on to greater endeavor by any resolutions which could be offered at the Annual Meeting. Nevertheless, such resolutions are always welcomed by the officers of the Association because they tend to waken the delegates and life members to the urgent needs of the time and the greatness of the opportunities awaiting us. The extent of the sphere to be occupied by our free faith will not depend alone upon the executive zeal of the American Unitarian Association, nor upon the enthusiasm of the Women's Alliance, nor upon the number of printed pamphlets and books that are distributed among the masses of the people that happen to know little or nothing about Unitarianism. Unless these agencies are encouraged and supported by the churches, and the churches in turn by the individuals that attend them, it will not be possible to drive our wedge effectively into the ordered hosts of superstition, nor to carry our light where the truth is hidden under clouds of fanaticism and fear.

WE are reminded in this connection of a letter which was recently received from an Associate Member who in speaking of herself uses the following words, —

"It gives me much happiness to know I am a Unitarian and feel it has come to me by the guidance of God through love of his works and the character of Jesus Christ, love of all humanity and an unwillingness to accept unbelievable doctrines. It has not come by the persuasion of friends, emotionalism, the desire to get into society, not even conversion, for while my people are nearly all ardent church workers (Methodist and Dutch Reformed), I never could feel a keen interest in their work, and now realize I have always been a Unitarian. The knowledge of it did not come to me until recently when trying to defend Ex-President Taft. In a religious discussion I looked up Unitarianism in the encyclopedia and found it to be just the substance of my own beliefs.

A few days following I noticed your advertisement in ——. *Then I knew!* that I had found a church which I could not only respect but love. I had believed in Unitarianism since I was a child old enough to think, but did not know it had a name. It is so big and wholesome, so American, too! That is one thing I like about it, it is so in harmony with our national liberty. My husband's people are all Lutherans, and they take great pride in calling themselves "true blue Lutherans." I am going to take more pride in calling myself "red, white, and blue Unitarian."

RED, white, and blue Unitarians! Could any expression more clearly differentiate Unitarianism from those religious convictions and methods which imply ecclesiastical authority and dogmatic finality? It was the spirit of democracy which brought our free faith into existence, and Unitarianism itself implies perfect confidence in the consensus of all honest people in their discoveries of truth and the establishment of political, social, and spiritual freedom. Our colors should be those of the national emblem interwoven in such a way as to indicate harmony in diversity and undying confidence in the oneness of divine and human relations.

In the October number of *Word and Work* the editorial occupying these columns was entitled "Unitarians to the colors!" Let this last number of *Word and Work* for the present church year impress upon all those who believe in the principle of individual freedom the conviction that what democracy is in the State, as exemplified by our grand Republic, spiritual democracy is in the glorious congregationalism and freedom of thought as illustrated by our Unitarian fellowship.

Red, white, and blue Unitarians! Why not this year when American freedom looms so large and splendid in the presence of European imperialism adopt some device to be worn at our conferences, on our excursions, on our missionary journeys, and at all times when Unitarians gather together which shall express the identity of the religious liberty which we enjoy and the political freedom whose emblem is the stars and stripes? Thus shall the thought of our friend, the Associate Member above referred to, be practically applied so that every Unitarian will be able to say as she said, "It is so big and wholesome, so American, too!" It was, more than a hundred years ago, the vision of organized religion in terms of democracy which inspired Thomas Jefferson to declare his belief that all real Americans would become Unitarians. We know, of course, that his dream can never become true in any applied form, but the spirit which prompted the vision of such religious democracy is more and more finding its way among all Christian communions; and well it may be, for in the last analysis it is nothing more nor less than the logical result of the Sermon on the Mount and the two great Commandments.

IT IS READY!

A small badge-button, with a white star on a blue back-ground in the center, with five red rays representing the five Unitarian Presidents of the United States and a circle of twelve blue stars corresponding with the twelve national agencies of Unitarian work. These buttons can be obtained by applying to the Publication Department, 25 Beacon Street, Boston. Prices, 3 cents each, 2 for 5 cents, 25 cents per dozen, $2.00 per hundred. All these prices include delivery, and cash should accompany the order.

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Minutes of the Ninetieth Annual Meeting

The ninetieth annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association was held in Tremont Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, May 25, 1915. The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Eliot, and the devotional service was conducted by Rev. Charles A. Wing, of Concord, N. H. Committees on credentials, business, and ballots were named. Certain resolutions were introduced and referred without debate to the business committee. The Secretary, Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, then read his annual report, and the Treasurer, Mr. Henry M. Williams, presented his report in print, with verbal comments and explanations. The reports of the Assistant Secretary and of the Department Secretaries were submitted in print.

The Commission on the Unitarian Name submitted its report through its chairman, Dr. Charles W. Eliot, and it was unanimously voted that the report be accepted and adopted and the Commission discharged with the thanks of the Association.

The President then introduced Rev. George B. Stallworthy, of Tunbridge Wells, England, and Mr. N. Imaoka of the Unitarian church in Tokio, Japan, who briefly presented the greetings of their fellow-workers.

The amendments to the By-laws of the constitution, submitted at the last annual meeting by the Special Commission of Methods, were then taken up. These amendments were submitted in printed form. The suggested amendments to Articles II and III were adopted without discussion. The amendments to Article V were discussed at length by Mr. H. H. Fuller and Mr. H. B. Sawyer, members of the Commission, and Mr. Charles E. Ware, Mr. Henry M. Williams, Rev. A. H. Robinson, Mr. Prescott Keyes, Mr. Percy A. Atherton, Mr. Clarence E. Carr, Rev. Edward Cummings, Mr. George R. Bishop, Rev. A. P. Reccord, Rev. John H. Lathrop, Rev. William I. Nichols, Mr. Alfred Bunker, Mr. George Hutchinson, Rev. E. C. Smith, Rev. John H. Holmes, Rev. B. R. Bulkeley, Rev. K. E. Evans, and others. After various substitutes and amendments had been offered a vote was adopted as follows:

Voted: That the president shall appoint immediately after the annual meeting a committee of five members of the Association, no one of whom shall be an officer or director, to serve as a nominating committee. The names of this committee shall be printed in the annual report and in the Year Book. It shall receive suggestions of names of possible candidates up to the first of February preceding the annual meeting, and shall publish a list of its nominations in all the denominational papers before the first of March. Other candidates besides those selected by the nominating committes, duly nominated by fifty adult Unitarians, of whom not more than five shall be members of one church, society, or parish, shall be added to the official ballot, properly designated as nominated on nomination papers; provided, however, such nominations are duly submitted to the nominating committee before the first of April preceding the annual meeting. The nominating committee shall prepare an official printed ballot for use at the annual meeting, publishing copies of it in all the denominational papers before the first of May preceding the annual meeting. The first committee shall be selected from the members of the present nominating committee whose terms expire in 1916, and from the proposed members on the ballot submitted to this meeting.

The amendment offered by the Commission was then laid upon the table.

The afternoon session opened with the report of the Special Commission on Methods of Candidating, presented by the chairman, Rev. E. M. Slocombe. The report was accepted, adopted, and

ordered to be printed. This was followed by the report of the Special Committee on Church Accounting, presented by the chairman, Prof. H. W. Foote. This report was accepted and adopted and it was announced that printed copies could be found at headquarters.

Rev. Edward Cummings gave formal notice of his motion to amend the By-laws of the Association by making the term of office of the President five years.

Three addresses on "Testimonies from the Field" were given by Rev. H. C. McDougall, of Franklin, N. H., Rev. Thomas S. Robjent, of Colorado Springs, Col., and Rev. Arthur G. Pettengill, of Portland, Me.

The Nominating Committee reported through its secretary, Rev. Harold G. Arnold, and the Association proceeded to the election of officers.

The President then delivered his annual address.

The Business Committee reported through his chairman, Prof. James A. Tufts, of Exeter, N. H., and after various discussions and amendments, resolutions were adopted, (1) rejoicing "in the efforts of the President of the United States to uphold the moral and spiritual integrity of the nation, to safeguard the lives of our citizens, and to maintain peace;" (2) commending the movement for a league of the nations for the abolition of war; (3) expressing sympathy with the work and aims of the Unitarian Temperance Society; (4) approving the extended cooperation between the American Unitarian Association and the Meadville Theological School; (5) urging special efforts in missionary work; (6) commending the formation of students' Unitarian societies in universities and colleges; and (7) commending more agressive missionary work in collaboration with parish churches.

The Committee on Ballots submitted its report, showing the result of the balloting to be the election of the following officers:

President, Samual A. Eliot, D.D., of Cambridge, Mass.; vice-presidents, Clarence E. Carr, of Andover, N. H.; George Hutchinson, of Newton, Mass.; Frank H. Hiscock, of Syracuse, N. Y.; George Soule, of New Orleans, La.; Charles W. Ames, of St. Paul, Minn.; Paris Gibson, of Great Falls, Mont.; Horace Davis, of San Francisco, Cal.; Mrs. John W. Loud, of Montreal, Can.; secretary, Lewis G. Wilson, of Boston, Mass.; assistant secretary, F. Stanley Howe, of Cambridge, Mass.; treasurer, Henry M. Williams, Esq., of Boston, Mass. Directors: Howard N. Brown, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. George R. Dinsmoor, Keene, N. H.; Thomas H. Elliott, Lowell, Mass.; Mrs. Charles P. Lombard, Plymouth, Mass.; Edgar S. Wiers, Montclair, N. J.; Ernest C. Smith, Chicago, Ill.

The President announced that in accordance with the vote adopted at the morning session he would name, as the Nominating Committee for the ensuing year, John H. Lathrop, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charles A. Wing, Concord, N. H.; Henry D. Sharpe, Providence, R. I.; Sanford Bates, Boston, Mass.; and Mrs. Morton D. Hull, Chicago, Ill.

The evening session was held in Tremont Temple. The services were conducted by Rev. Alson H. Robinson and Rev. Henry C. Parker. The Anniversary Sermon was preached by Rev. Paul R. Frothingham. Music was rendered by the choir of Arlington Street Church, under the direction of Mr. Benjamin L. Whelpley.

Summary of Department Reports

Publication. The Publication Department has printed and circulated during the year 649,500 tracts and pamphlets, an increase of 189,500 over the distribution of the previous year. These figures mean a distribution of 74 tracts per hour, day and night for 365 days. 3,500 copies of the Year Book, 14,500 copies of the Annual Report, and 5,000 copies of the Tract Catalogue have been printed and distributed. Many copies of Channing's works have been given to ministers and to theological students, packages of books have been sent to a number of libraries, and the "Christian Register" supplied to many reading-rooms.

The total sale of bound volumes, in-

cluding Hymn Books, for the year has been 18,571 volumes. The extent of this business may be estimated by the fact that 3425 charge orders were recorded. The shipping department handled 15,838 shipments. The circulation of "Word and Work" has reached 5500 copies a month. 20,000 copies of Sunday School service books, manuals, etc., have been sold, and some 360,000 copies of the "Beacon."

Religious Education. The Secretary and Associate Secretary of the Department have spoken in the interests of Sunday School work in many churches and to many Conferences and Alliances. The "Beacon" has been issued weekly. Summer Institutes were held at Meadville, at the Isles of Shoals and at Andover, N. H. Work has steadily gone forward on the preparation of the new Beacon Series of manuals for the Sunday Schools and in the preparation of the new Song and Service Book. Sets of lantern slides for the use of Sunday Schools have been purchased and catalogued.

Church Extension. Aid has been granted by the Directors to some seventy churches and missions in all parts of the United States and Canada. Aid from the income of trust endowments has been sent to twenty-two societies. The officers and representatives of the Association have personally visited practically all the aided churches and missions and in their journeys have covered nearly the whole country. Eight new churches, three new parish houses and two new parsonages have been built or purchased and a number of other churches thoroughly reconstructed.

New Americans. Work has been carried forward among the Icelanders in Manitoba, among the Swedes and Norwegians in Minnesota, among the Finns in Minnesota and Montana, and among the Italians in New York and Philadelphia. Seven circuit ministers have been employed by the Association. Free tracts are printed in German, French, Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish and Spanish.

College Centers. The Directors have been able to aid the work of ten college-town churches from New Hampshire to California. The income of the Frothingham Fund No. 2 has been distributed to aid ten schools for colored people in the South. The funds held in trust for Proctor Academy and for Hackley School have been safely administered. Eleven lecturers on the Billings Foundation have visited all parts of the United States and Canada and courses of lectures have been given in Pekin and Shanghai, China.

Foreign Relations. The Association has carried forward the work in Japan under the direction of Mr. MacCauley. The work of the Association of Free Believers in Italy has been developed and sustained, and support has been given to the Unitarian work in Hungary and in Bulgaria.

Comity and Fellowship. Through this Department our free churches are kept in cooperation with the work of the National Federation of Religious Liberals, which held its biennial meeting in Philadelphia in February, with the Massachusetts Federation of Churches, and with other bodies. The Secretary of the Department is constantly active in promoting sympathy and cooperation among all liberal Christians.

Social and Public Service. A number of new pamphlets have been added to the invaluable series of Bulletins of the Department. The Secretary has continued to act as a source of counsel and information and has spoken in many churches and to many Conferences and Alliances.

Publicity. The Associate Member Department has been successfully conducted and new members constantly added through the advertisements carried in important periodicals. Ministers Institutes have been conducted in different parts of the country, and the Secretary, through a large correspondence, has broadly diffused correct views of the principles and history of Unitarianism.

Library. The Circulating Library, maintained in connection with the Women's Alliance and now containing some 2,500 volumes, has been successfully administered. The Reference Library

has been thoroughly overhauled and catalogued and the rich material contained in it is much more available than heretofore.

Ministerial Aid. From the income of the Ministerial Aid Fund and the other trust funds for similar purposes aid to the amount of $5970. has been granted during the year to some 56 ministers and widows of ministers. Five persons have also been helped by the income of the Chandler Robbins Fund. As trustee of the Unitarian Service Pension Society the Treasurer of the Association has, under the instructions of the Directors of that Society, distributed to qualified beneficiaries the sum of $7035.

Church Building Loan Fund. The capital fund has been somewhat increased during the year so that the principal now amounts to $154,953. Six societies have completed payments on their loans and new loans to the amount of $28,118 have been made to eleven churches. There are now outstanding loans to sixty-eight churches.

Unitarian Headquarters, Chautauqua

Unitarian House at Assembly grounds, Chautauqua, N. Y., will be open as usual during July and August of this year. Services of worship will be held on Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock and Wednesday evenings at 7 o'clock. The reception room will be open at all times and, with its free circulating library reading table and the opportunity for rest and writing, it should prove for all Unitarians and liberals who visit Chautauqua of real comfort and service in making their stay profitable and happy. The free literature published by the Unitarian Association, both the Social Service Bulletins and tracts will be on exhibition and available for distribution. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will be in charge of the house during the summer, and whatever they can do to assist friends in finding suitable living places or by giving information will be cheerfully undertaken.

Unitarian Headquarters should be the centre of interest and the means of forming wide acquaintance with liberal people in all parts of the country. The Summer Schools and lecture program of Chautauqua is unusually strong this year. The musical department especially excels anything that has been attempted before. Write to Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, N. Y., for catalogue. For additional information and help address William Channing Brown, Littleton, Mass., in June; Box 174 Chautauqua, N. Y., in July and August.

Department of Religious Education

Three Summer Institutes for Religious Education will be held under the direction of the Department of Religious Education during June and July. Two of these begin on the same day, June 28, and the third begins July 19. The Institute at Andover, N. H., begins on Monday, June 28, and continues for three days. Prof. Charles F. Kent, of Yale University, lectures each day. On Monday, Miss Lillian B. Poor will give a demonstration lecture with children of the Sunday school. On Tuesday, Mrs. Nellie T. Hendrick, Secretary of the New Hampshire Sunday School Association, will lecture on story-telling in principle and practice. On Wednesday, Miss Mary Lawrance, Director of Religious Education in the First Church in Providence, will give a presentation of the story of David's youth in tableaux. Rooms and board at Andover will be furnished at $7.00 a week or $1.25 a day. Address Mrs. Catherine Smith, Andover, N. H.

The Meadville Institute will this year hold the longest session it has yet had, and will constitute the most important teacher-training enterprise our body has ever undertaken. It continues from June 28 to July 16, providing sixteen teaching days, besides two Sundays. Prof. Walter S. Athearn, whose book *The Church School* is now standard, and Dr. Hugh Hartshorne, of Union Theological School, author of *Worship in the Sunday School* will give lectures on child psychology. President F. C. Southworth, Prof. Anna Garlin Spencer, Rev. Richard W. Boynton, Rev. Florence Buck and Rev. William I. Lawrance

will give courses of lectures. There will be a practice school, of children from the city, conducted by Miss Buck. Entertainments and recreations are abundantly provided for. Applications for membership should be sent to Rev. Walter C. Green. There will be a registration fee of $2.00 for each student. The cost of rooms will be from $1.00 to $2.00 a week. Meals will be served in Hunnewell Hall at $5.25 a week, or at $1.00 a day for a stay of less than a week.

The Isles of Shoals Institute will begin July 19 and continue one week. Dr. Hartshorne will give daily lectures, Prof. Kent will speak three times, and Rev. Florence Buck and Rev. William I. Lawrance will also be on daily duty. An evening will be given to a stereopticon lecture, and the usual Friday evening entertainment will be provided by the members present. There will be also the regular candle-light service so highly prized. It is worthy of mention that while accommodations for the first week of meetings are now exceedingly difficult to obtain, there is room yet for more during the second, or Institute, week. Applications should be sent as soon as possible to Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, 1 Fuller Place, Cambridge, enclosing one dollar for membership. Rates at The Oceanic are $12 and $14 a week.

A little less than three years ago, appeal was made to our Sunday Schools for contributions toward Beacon scholarships at the City College of Calcutta, India. Some of our people had heard Principal Maitra of the City College on his visit to this country and had already become interested in the effort he was making to give adequate instruction to children and young people, especially to the children of the adherents of the Brahmo Somaj, or liberal type of religion in that land. As a result of the appeal made through the Beacon, and in no other way, there has been collected since that time a total amount of $237.13. While this sum is not large, it represents a genuine interest on the part of children and young people in our churches in some genuine educational work in a far-off land. Such missionary effort is educative, and therefore of greater value than is indicated in the amount of money contributed. This year, when a special appeal was made for Belgian Relief, it was not to be expected that much could be secured for the Beacon scholarships. A few of those, however, who had contributed, remembered to make another contribution this year, and one or two who had not before given any amount sent in small contributions for that work. The entire amount has now been sent to Principal Maitra. Part of it was definitely assigned to scholarships either for boys or girls in the preparatory schools, or college students in the City College. The rest was left unassigned to be used at the discretion of the Principal.

National Federation of Religious Liberals

An important meeting of members and friends of the National Federation of Religious Liberals was held on the 20th of May at Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania. The object of the meeting was to more thoroughly consider the aims and possibilities of this organization which for eight years past has been engaged in the endeavor to unite for constructive liberal religious work the representatives of various liberal denominations and fellowships throughout the country. It has held five congresses in Philadelphia, New York and Rochester, and in other ways endeavored to serve the liberal fellowships of the United States and to become their interdenominational opportunity.

There were present at the meeting ten gentlemen representing five different liberal associations, President Jesse H. Holmes and Henry Ferris, editor of the "Friends' Intelligencer," who represented the Liberal Friends; Rev. Frank O. Hall, D.D., of New York City, and Dr. J. Clarence Lee, representing the Universalist body; Professor Morris Jastrow, of the University of Pennsylvania, and Mr. George O'dell, representing the American Ethical Union; Rabbis Berkowitz and Krauskopf of the Reform Jewish Congregations; and Rev. C. E. St. John and Rev. C. W. Wendte, who were delegated by the Unitarian body.

Letters expressing interest and promising cooperation were also received from prominent members of the liberal German Evangelical churches of America, the Free Religious Association of America, from the Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of the Congress of Religion, and from Professor Anna Garlin Spencer of the Meadville Theological School, who made particularly valuable suggestions. The meeting proved a most harmonious one. New Articles of Organization were drawn up, providing that hereafter, in addition to the individual memberships which thus far have made up the constituency of the Federation, there should be official representatives appointed by various liberal denominations and bodies in sympathy with the purposes of the society and desiring to cooperate in it; each to be represented in its Central Council by two official delegates, in addition to the members chosen from the Federation itself. A committee was appointed to put itself into communication with the various religious and ethical bodies referred to, and to invite their official participation hereafter in the work of the Federation. Plans were outlined for a greater usefulness for the Federation in the future. Among other things a special meeting is to be held on the 29th of August in Oakland, California, with three sessions. A number of prominent liberals throughout the country have promised their cooperation in this meeting.

The report of the Philadelphia Congress of Religious Liberals, recently held under the auspices of the Federation in that city, has been published and may be obtained by application to the secretary, Rev. C. W. Wendte, D.D., 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

"New Hymn and Tune Book"

Publication Department

Since the last report the societies in Charleston, S. C., and Santa Barbara, Cal., have ordered The New Hymn and Tune Book, raising the total to 96 churches now employing it in their services. We are informed of several other societies which have voted to adopt the book and are planning to install it when church opens in the fall. To any such and to all others which may be contemplating similar action, the Publication Department wishes to offer a suggestion. This is that your order be forwarded to us as soon as possible, or if you are not in a position to send a definite order, that you inform us of your intention to take the book, giving some indication of the number of copies and binding which you will probably require and the date for which the books are wanted. This will give us a chance to plan for the probable large demand in September, thus enabling us to fill your orders promptly and satisfactorily. It takes time to get books bound and marked, and the summer being a quiet time in the book business, orders can be executed at more leisure and to better advantage than on a rush basis in the fall, when business again starts up.

The Publication Agent will attend the sessions of the General Conference at San Francisco and will be glad to confer with any ministers and lay people who may be interested in seeing and learning more about The New Hymn and Tune Book.

"War and the Breed"

The Beacon Press is at work preparing for publication a new and exceptionally valuable book by David Starr Jordan, entitled "War and the Breed." The scope of this book has been suggested by two of the author's previous works, "The Blood of the Nation" and "The Human Harvest." The material, however, is new and the treatment fresh and timely, with many thoughts and statistics gleaned from the present European War. It is hoped that this book will be ready for sale early in the fall.

"The Little Child at the Breakfast Table"

The Rev. W. C. Gannett, and Mrs. Gannett whose work with and for children has been so remarkably intimate and successful, have prepared for us a book by this title. A little book, under a similar name, appeared about fifteen years ago, but the material has been thoroughly revised, enlarged and

rearranged to make the forthcoming volume of great value. It is intended to be a book of daily readings for parents and children and should be found in every liberal home. We hope to announce this definitely in the fall and trust that all parents of liberal views will hasten to secure it.

Word and Work

As this issue of WORD AND WORK is the last one until October, we hope that many new societies are planning to take advantage of the exceptionally low *group rates* on WORD AND WORK. As has been stated before, this was begun last year, with excellent results, and we should be pleased to receive correspondence from any ministers or church officers who wish further information. On one of the covers of this number will be found a notice giving more details about these rates, which we commend to your consideration.

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

The following recent books which may be classed as "books on liberal religion," "by Unitarian authors" or "about well-known Unitarians," have been acquired during the past month. They may be seen at the Book Room, 25 Beacon Street, and purchased at the accompanying prices.

America and Her Problems, by Paul H. B. d'Estournelles de Constant; $2.08 by mail.

America to Japan, edited by Lindsay Russell; $1.31 by mail.

Church and State in Massachusetts, by Susan Martha Reed; $1.10 by mail.

The Conduct of Life, by Viscount Haldane; $1.04 by mail.

Drift and Mastery, by Walter Lippman; $1.58 by mail.

Experiments in Government and the Essentials of the Constitution, by Elihu Root; $1.06 by mail.

Memories and Milestones, by John Jay Chapman; $1.33 by mail.

The Modern Man's Religion, by Charles Reynolds Brown; $1.07 by mail.

The Place of the Church in Evolution, by John M. Tyler; $1.16 by mail.

The Reconstruction of the Church, by Paul Moore Strayer; $1.60 by mail.

Recruits for World Conquests, by Lee R. Scarborough; 81 cents by mail.

Religious Education in the Family, by Henry F. Cope; $1.33 by mail.

Representative Phi Beta Kappa Orations, edited by Clark S. Northup; $3.15 by mail.

The Rural Church Movement, by Edwin L. Earp; 81 cents by mail.

Edward Rowland Sill, by William Belmont Parker; $1.85 by mail.

Three Phi Beta Kappa Addresses, by Charles Francis Adams; $1.05 by mail.

Undercurrents of American Life, by Arthur T. Hadley; $1.40 by mail.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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Anniversary Week

The public meeting of The Alliance at the South Congregational Church, Boston, on May 24, crowded the church to overflowing. Many people were turned away. Again we felt the absolute need for a larger auditorium for this important meeting of the week. After The Alliance Service the Recording Secretary read selections from the History of The Alliance written by Mrs. Fifield. The subject of the afternoon was The Aim of Woman's Work for the Church — the Conservation of the Religious Spirit. The topic "Through Service" was treated by the Rev. Samuel McChord Crothers, D.D., who spoke in part as follows:

"The liberal church stands on a vantage ground. We should be actuated by the simple human idea, serviceableness. Fix the mind on an actual community. Where should that community be strengthened? Thus we get rid of many illusions that come when we talk in a general way of social service. Wherever we are we have our own problem always defined by the community itself. Service should be measured not by the need of the person doing the work but by the need of the person for whom the work is done. Otherwise we have mental gymnastics, not service.

"What must I do to be saved? Saved from what? From some difficulty which keeps me from being effective. Most of the people about us are dying of starvation — not enough of life, not enough of joy. The man that lives the "pace that kills" is usually a very happy and healthy individual. His life and emotions are occupied. Something that moves us to the depths is what we most need. It is a tragical thought that people kill each other in war for the supreme sense of living, the exultation of spirit that lifts them above themselves. The mission of the church is to give us the sense that the things we are doing are supremely worth while. There is need to give the people who must work and suffer and serve a sense of spiritual exultation. Hundreds of people are filled with an exulting sense of spiritual power. Religion gives us the triumphant impulse and the whole secular world today is giving us the method. Social service should try to measure up to the best secular service of our own time. If we are dealing with educational problems in religion we should try to measure up to the best pedagogical standards. Let us not use piety as a screen behind which we can hide from sterner duties. Let us bring to all that touch of sacredness which comes when we feel that man's work is itself divine, that a power is working through us and that power is God's.

Rev. John Haynes Holmes spoke of the Conservation of the Religious Spirit through Worship. Mr. Holmes said in part:

"Ideas of worship and service can not well be separated. There is a question which comes first but an idea that worship comes first. The relation seems a wrong one. Do we not rather worship because we are offering service and desire to give thanks that we can offer it? James says that emotional feeling follows physical action. That is the relation between worship and service. If we desire to conserve shall we not lose ourselves in service and then automatically surrender ourselves to the worship of the human heart? All kinds of worship are but means to an end. Elaboration of service or simplicity of service should be according to

temperament. I rejoice that the Christian Church is inclusive enough to include all, that the Unitarian Church is broad enough to include all forms of worship. A heart which has lived in the spirit of service comes with this impulse to religious worship, a willingness to serve, to live and if need be to die for a cause. Fire seems to leap from soul to soul more than in perfunctory worship. There is not mere performance but whole surrender of life to the cause. The real reason why Emerson looked from the bare church inside to the falling snowflakes outside is because we have not yet found the cause for which we will give all we are and all we hope to be. We should come together to worship and clasp hands because we have found God real. As we see his divine spirit at work at its task of spiritual creation we find that we are marching hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder with God. Our souls begin to sing, the conservation of life through the spirit of worship, the loss of one's life in the spirit of one's kind. "He finds that he must live if he would praise Him".

The annual business meeting was held in the same place on May 26th. The opening devotional service has now become an accepted thing at the regular Alliance meetings of Anniversary Week. Greetings from Dr. Cummings voiced the welcome to the church with the suggestion that an addition would have to be built if it is to be large enough to hold Alliance members and friends.

The annual reports were received and will be printed in the Manual. Mrs. Davis reported that the history will be published as soon as the committee finds it possible to do so. Mrs. Donald M. Blair made a convincing statement about the Endowment Fund and pledge cards were distributed among the members present. Mrs. Gilson made an appeal for contributions to the California traveling fund and made everyone who heard her long to go on the Unitarian Pilgrimage.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That in the death of our beloved friend Mrs. Judith W. Andrews, the Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women has sustained a great loss. It was in the circle of the home, the church and wise public philanthropy that she was most conspicuous. She won the respect, gratitude and love of every class whether high or low by her unselfish and noble life. She gave her life for others, and found her highest and purest joy in that rare service. To every one of us her death has brought a feeling of acute sorrow. The general loss is also in each individual instance a personal loss. Yet we are grateful for the memory of that life, which was consecrated to the noblest purposes and has left its benison upon all with whom it came in contact.

The credential committee reported four hundred and fifteen branch delegates and sixty-six life members entitled to vote, while twenty-nine ballots were received by mail with no credential enclosed and could not be counted. The election committee reported the entire ballot elected as presented by the nominating committee and these officers and directors were declared elected. A nominating committee, a credentials committee, and an auditing committee were elected — the names will appear in the Manual.

Post Office Mission Conference

A most helpful and inspiring Conference of Post-office Mission Workers was held Thursday, May 27th at 1.30 P. M., in the Vestry of the South Congregational Church, Mrs. Edward L. Osgood presiding.

Rev. A. T. Bowser of Richmond, Va., spoke of the possibilities of the Post Office Mission Work in the South, Rev. G. S. Robjent of Colordao Springs, Col., of the Billy Sunday campaign, and Rev. Edwin W. Slocombe of the Second Parish, Worcester, Mass., on "The Value to the Individual of becoming a Unitarian." The Secretary read a paper on "The Meaning of Post Office Mission Work." Short addresses were given by

members of the Central Post Office Mission Committee, Mrs. St. John, Mrs. Lord and Miss Morse.

The meeting was honored by the presence of Miss Bancroft and a number of the members of the National Board of The Alliance. The two hundred and fifty persons assembled, made the Central Committee realize the fine spirit for renewed missionary effort for the coming year.

LOUISA BLAKE,
Secretary.

The Cheerful Letter Conference held in Channing Hall on Thursday of Anniversary Week was well attended by many vitally interested women. Mrs. Nichols, the Book Club Secretary gave a resumé of the year's work from the Headquarters' point of view, this was followed by a report of the New Jersey Associated Committees given by Mrs. J. T. Speer of Passaic, and the report of Channing Church, Dorchester, Committee, given by Mrs. William Harden. The Channing Church report was chosen because every member of this Alliance Branch has done something in the Cheerful Letter work this winter.

The Conference closed with a talk on Southern conditions by Miss Brown of The Lend-a-Hand Society. She had just returned from the South where she had been good enough to visit certain of our Cheerful Letter correspondents for us and came to the meeting in the spirit of co-operation to tell us of her trip through five states, where she visited mission schools, Convict Camps, Moonshiners and individuals. This made an intensely interesting finish for an interesting and profitable morning.

On Thursday afternnon an open conference was held in the South Congregational Church which was animated and suggestive.

Miss Edith G. Pecker told of her purpose to return to the East as missionary and teacher; and so direct was her appeal to the sympathies of her audience that a rising vote was passed wishing her all success in this great undertaking.

The Junior Alliance and other clubs of young people were considered, and the experience of many branches contributed to make the discussion helpful.

A vigorous word was spoken in behalf of the denominational papers, Christian Register, Unitarian Advance, Pacific Unitarian, Unity, and Word and Work. Every Alliance member should subscribe for and read one of more of these.

Courtesy to speakers was presented as the simple matter of treating a speaker like a guest, and making provision for his comfort as for that of any guest.

The Social Service of the Montreal workers was most interesting telling of the unusual demands made by the needs of over four thousand families whose men folk have gone to the front in this year of war.

The meeting closed with the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved: That we, women of the Unitarian faith in meeting here assembled, do individually pledge ourselves to do all in our power to stimulate in the branches a feeling of greater responsibility for the general work of The Alliance.

The Alliance has set a high mark in its plan to obtain an endowment of $25,000 during the next year. We realize that business conditions are depressed but we also realize what love and loyalty can accomplish. For twenty five years Alliance women have been cheerfully doing the impossible and we are familiar with all the processes by which bricks may be made without straw. A completed anniversary fund in May, 1916, will be one more triumphant instance of our powers.

A neighborhood meeting was recently held in Buffalo, New York, where Syracuse, Rochester, Toronto, Ithaca, Dunkirk, Hamburg, as well as both Buffalo branches were represented. Luncheon was served to one hundred and sixty women. Three directors were present, Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Glasgow, Miss Williams, and almost every phase of Alliance work was discussed. So helpful and inspiring was the coming together that

a similar meeting is planned for Syracuse in the autumn.

Executive Board

The meeting of the Executive Board was held May 21, the President in the chair, the total attendance twenty-nine.

New life members are as follows: Mrs. Arthur P. Perry, Jamaica Plain; Miss Grace M. Dutcher, Hopedale; Miss Ida Slade, Flushing, N. Y.; Mrs. Annette T. Cobb, Brewster; Miss Annie E. Howard, Boston; Mrs. Sarah H. Pushaw, Canton; Miss Alice Pierce and Mrs. T. W. Williamson, New Bedford; Miss Alice M. Williams, Taunton; Mrs Charles J. Steedman, Providence; Mrs. Helen S. H. Sawyer, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Mary Richardson Eames, Billerica.

In Memoriam have been placed the names of Mrs. Jeanie R. Wells, by the New York League; Mrs. Mila D. James and Mrs. W. J. R. Evans by Jamaica Plain branch; Mrs. Mary S. Lord by Dover, Mass.; Mrs. Homer M. Seavey by Westford, Mass.; Mrs. Louisa H. Hall by Kennebunk, Me.; Miss Amy L. Mayo by Canton; Mrs. Susan McIntyre by Attleboro; Mrs. Joanna B. Richards, Belmont; Miss Laura P. Holland, Chelsea; Mrs. Elizabeth N. Bell, Rutherford, New Jersey.

The Treasurer reported that $60.50 contributed for War Relief has been sent to the British League for Belgium.

Mrs. Peterson reported interesting visits in the North Carolina and Florida circuits and to the Charleston, Jacksonville, and Atlanta branches. The dedication of the church at Mt. Pleasant, Florida, was well attended and gave evidence of the growth of the liberal spirit in these parts within the last few years. The sessions of the Southern Conference including the meeting of the Southern Associate Alliance were reported helpful and of much promise for the future.

The circuit ministers have been engaged to serve Alliance and Association another year beginning May 1, 1915.

The Board adopted the following program of study presented by the Social Service Committee:

Social Conditions and Social Service

I. Peace, a necessary condition for all social progress.
II. Temperance, the foundation for sturdy manhood and womanhood.
III. Housing, its relation to real homes.
IV. Dependents, the failure of society.
V. Defectives, the burden of society.
VI. Delinquents, the menace of society.
VII. Schools, the hope of society.
VIII. Amusements, the need of recreation.
IX. Beauty, an economic and spiritual asset.
X. The Church and the Community.

This will be printed as a leaflet and sent to the branches as soon as possible. Special attention is called to the first topic, Peace, and branches are urged to plan and execute definite work for permanent peace.

On recommendation of the International Committee an Appeal was endorsed for $500, for Miss Edith G. Pecker, who plans to go to China in the autumn as a Unitarian missionary.

Highland Springs, Virginia, sends its grateful word for the help received from the branches in response to its Appeal for aid in furnishing the new church.

The Endowment Fund of $25,000., proposed in recognition of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of The Alliance, will give branches and individuals an opportunity to increase the efficiency of the organization. It is hoped that by May, 1916, the full amount will have been contributed for this permanent fund, the income from which will be used for traveling, to visit isolated branches, to form new ones, and in various ways for the strengthening and broadening of the work. Miss Bancroft will serve as treasurer of the committee.

The Alliance has lost in the death of Miss Helen Collamore of Boston a good friend. Miss Collamore was at one time a member of the Board.

Caroline S. Atherton,
Recording Secretary.

Missionary Work

Miss Edith G. Pecker, whom the branches have enabled by their splendid response to the Special Scholarshop Appeal to finish her training, will go this summer to China as a Unitarian missionary. In the May *Word and Work* the monthly statement of the Department of Foreign Relations includes an account of the International Institute at Shanghai of which Rev. Gilbert Reid, D.D., is the head. Miss Pecker has offered her services to Dr. Reid as the representative of our Unitarian Church. This offer has been accepted. She is exceptionally fitted for such work both by previous experience in the East, and by her training in the Tuckerman School. It now falls to our lot as Alliance women to venture into a new field of missionary endeavor, namely, to provide Miss Pecker with the means to carry on her work among the women of that far country. The Executive Board has approved of an appeal for $500 for this purpose. This will be one of the appeals for the coming year.

ELIZABETH MARQUAND,
Chairman, International Committee.

Miss Pecker will sail from San Francisco on August 25, on the Steamer "Mongolia", when all the Alliance women present at the General Conference, will be there to bid her God speed.

The International Committee

(*From Mrs. H. W. Weller of Montreal, a member of the International Committee, at present a night nurse in one of the hospitals for wounded soldiers at Cannes, France.*)

"I am writing this hoping that it may reach you before the May Meetings, and especially to ask if our International Committee might see its way to send me a few dollars to use for the comfort of our wounded here. These hospitals lack many of the little comforts, not to say necessities of properly equipped institutions. It may give some idea of the demand to tell you that in Cannes there are eleven hospitals for the wounded. In every town in the Riviera the situation is the same. Our Alliance in Montreal has given towels, sheets, etc., and they were gratefully received. But what I am longing for now is a few dollars to buy wool or cotton for knitting slippers for the men's feet, a few books or games to pass away the long days for the helpless, the cigarettes and matches they all crave, candles to watch by at night, a little fruit or chocolate and so on. Nearly all are cured, for there seems to be a special healing quality in the air. Sometimes the men have been on the trains two or three days, just as they were taken from the trenches, except for a hasty dressing of their wounds, their clothes so caked in mud that they are as if made of plaster and must be cut off them. You understand how one must try to give them every comfort possible and I am confident that the Alliance women will not fail me. Best wishes to The Alliance at these May Meetings."

KATHERINE WELLER.

News from the Branches

"If you could send us a dozen or more good interested workers, we would be able to keep our branch alive and busy," writes the president of the Brooklyn, Connecticut Branch. This is the cry that goes up from Connecticut, the Egypt of New England, in so far as Unitarianism is concerned. The harvest is great, the laborers few.

The banner branch of Connecticut is the little one at Derby. If you want to find real live devoted sacrificing Unitarian women, go to Derby. There are but twelve members this year, and they widely scattered, some in New Haven, some in Sheldon, some in Derby, but after having managed to pay off the church debt, they now have an evening service each Sunday, provide good music, give liberal sums this winter to the suffering and destitute of their own district, have regular Alliance meetings and take a keen interest in all Alliance and denominational work.

The director writes: "In Hartford we have this year entertained the Conn-

ecticut Valley Associate Alliance and the New England Associate Alliance. The coming of both of these to us in our isolation has meant much. We are unfortunate in having an endowed church, so there is no incentive to raise money, except for running expenses and special appeals Therefore, we are not in the least troubled, when, as recently happened, we engaged our choir (and a good choir, too) to give a concert, and the audience was composed in large part of those to whom the choir members had presented free tickets. We shall send whatever surplus we may have at the end of the year to the Southern Circuit.

The Ladies' Charitable Society of Marlborough, Mass., after many years of "watchful waiting" decided to become a branch of The Alliance, September last and since that time they have answered several appeals. At all Alliance meetings supper is served, followed by an entertainment. The chairman of the program committee says: "It has been the aim of the officers to make all the meetings so interesting that it is a joy to attend. To have a really successful organization, first, elect *live* officers, and with every member working with them they are bound to succeed."

Each of the Rhode Island branches has sent a $10 scholarship to the Carolina Industrial School.

The attendanee of the First Congregational Branch of Providence, R. I. has averaged 100 at business meetings this year in spite of "stormy Mondays." This branch holds a biennial fair "valuable for the social life it gives although financially we are better off when the members contribute individually."

Here are the remarks of a few of the Post Office Mission applicants at Newport, R. I., Mr. I., of New York City, says: "The Association and Post Office Mission are both doing noble work." Mr. L., of La Porte, Indiana says: "Readings are grand." Mr. S., of Mishawaka, Indiana, writes: "I am a convert to the truth." Mr. W., of Somerville, writes: "I am very interested; send me badge and application certificate. He evidently thinks we are a kind of Knight's Templars. Mr. K., Gilman, Montana, says: "Your papers and tracts are the best ever." Mr. McK., Atlanta, Missouri, sends word: "Thanks for reading but do not care for any more at present." Dr. S., of Cherry Creek, Dakota, writes: "I feel that I have been benefited."

Cincinnati was all abloom with summer flowers for the Western Conference. Throughout the sessions the church was decorated with masses of single peonies and iris. Mrs. Eugene Shippen, of Detroit, presided at the session devoted to The Alliance and Mrs. Newton B. Knapp, of Hinsdale, Ill., acted as Secretary. Brief reports were given from many branches and a plan was discussed for a program committee to take charge of the annual Alliance Meeting of the Conference. Mrs. Claude U. Gilson spoke on "The Meeting House on the Hill," tracing our historic loyalty to the best in our past and our need of the modern spirit. Miss Fanny Field presented the work of the International Committee and its growth under the unusual conditions of the past few months.

The president of the Highland Springs branch writes: "We are deeply impressed by the generous spirit with which our far distant sisters have responded to our appeal for help in furnishing our new church, and words fail to express our appreciation. The gift from each one brings with it encouragement and understanding sympathy with which we may add to our own strength of purpose.

Unitarian Headquarters for August 13, will be at All Souls' Church, Winnipeg. A great day is planned for. Rest room and writing room will be in the church and a book table will be conducted for the building funds of the Alliance branch. A special souvenir book called "The Pilgrims' Own Guidebook" will be published and sold.

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Nineteenth Annual Meeting

The nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Young People's Religious Union was held in the Second Church, Boston, Mass., on Thursday afternoon, May 27, 1915.

President Bates presided at the business meeting at two o'clock, when reports of the secretary, treasurer and the Board of Directors for the year, as well as those of the Policy, Finance, Extension and Nominating Committees, were heard. A committee on the name reported, which report brought forth considerable animated discussion, the result being a proposed Amendment to the By-Laws: That the name of the Young People's Religious Union be changed.

The list of officials and directors, as presented by the Nominating Committee was elected, the secretary casting one ballot for the entire slate, which appears in another column.

The Credentials Committee reported one hundred and ten voting delegates present, with an unusually larger number of other members than has been noted in previous years.

The president reported the Endowment Fund as having reached about four thousand dollars, and every effort is to be made in the coming year to push this fund to completion. A strong plea was also made by the treasurer for the support of this project by the unions.

The following resolutions, being presented by the Resolutions Committee, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That the Young People's Religious Union desires to express its deep appreciation to the Second Church in Boston, and to its minister, Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell, for the gracious hospitality extended to the members and delegates on the occasion of this its Annual Meeting.

Resolved: That the Young People's Religious Union extends greetings to the Young People's Christian Union, with earnest good wishes for their continued prosperity in the work of awakening and stimulating liberal religion among the young people of America.

Resolved: That the Young People's Religious Union wishes to thank the Boston Federation for the hospitality offered to the members and delegates at this Annual Meeting, a hospitality which every year becomes more bountiful and more heartily appreciated.

Resolved: That in view of the serious financial situation which the Young

People's Religious Union now faces, the delegates here present pledge themselves and the unions which they represent to a renewed loyalty and a more enthusiastic support, which shall express itself in the financial assistance that the Board of Directors asks and the local unions are under moral obligation to render.

An additional resolution was also adopted — that a resolution be added, expressing the attitude of this body, regarding Temperance; that we go on record as in favor of National Prohibition; and that the Unitarian Temperance Society be notified of this vote.

Following the business, there was a very pleasant reception, after which refreshments were served by the Boston Federation, assisted by the So. Middlesex Federation.

The evening meeting at half past seven o'clock, was very largely attended, Rev. Roger S. Forbes of Dorchester, conducting the devotional service and Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany of the Church of the Disciples, Boston, taking as his topic, "The Testimony of a Unitarian Pilgrim". After touching on the principles and doctrines of the Unitarian faith, into which he himself had come, he vividly presented *the need* of the Unitarian spirit. The benediction was fittingly pronounced by Rev. George F. Pratt of Sanford, Maine.

Boston Federation

The annual meeting of the Boston Federation was held on Sunday, April 25, at the Second Church, Boston. The business meeting opened at four o'clock with a short devotional service and word of welcome by Rev. Frank B. Crandall, one of the assistant ministers of the church. The usual business followed, with annual reports of committees, which showed much work accomplished, especially in the case of the Membership and Social Service Committees.

The question of a possible reorganization of the federation was raised and much lively discussion was provoked. Three resolutions were finally passed, which are in substance the following:
1. The federation shall give no money during the coming year to any outside cause except the National Y. P. R. U.
2. At federation meetings three other unions shall help the entertaining union in the expense and work of the supper.
3. The federation shall ask the National Y. P. R. U. to assume charge of the annual supper in May, the federation standing ready to share the expense with other nearby federations.

Officers of the federation for the following year were elected as follows:

President, Mr. Chester R. Allen.

Vice-president, Mr. George Waterman, Jr.

Secretary, Miss Helen G. Pepper.

Treasurer, Mr. Walker B. Holmes.

Chairman Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Malcolm Merrick.

Chairman Social Committee, Miss Kathleen Rothe.

Chairman Membership Committee, Mr. Holden Williams.

Chairman Service Committee, Miss Marian D. Richards.

The service at the evening meeting was conducted by Mr. Crandall, the sermon being preached by Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell, the minister of the church. His subject was "The Justification for Our Faith". He made all present feel that because we believe in salvation by character alone, our Unitarian Faith has more to justify its existence than others.

Abigail A. Eliot,
Secretary.

South Middlesex Federation

The Annual Meeting of the South Middlesex Federation was held in Concord, Massachusetts, on Saturday, May 15, 1915, on the grounds of the St. Andrew's School.

An opening prayer was offered by Rev. Loren B. Macdonald of Concord, and Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, the president, presided.

The first business after the reading of the treasurer's and secretary's reports was the motion to discharge the Friendly Service Committee, after which came

the election of officers with the following results: President, Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, Cambridge; Vice-president, Mr. F. Stanley Howe, Cambridge; Secretary, Mr. Alden V. Keene, Watertown; Treasurer, Mr. A. H. Onthank, Arlington. Directors were elected to represent the young people of sixteen churches.

Miss Hemenway of Somerville spoke of the Biennial Bazaar and the candy table of which she is chairman. Mr. Wetherell spoke for the $30,000 Fund, of a possible re-arrangement of district lines and of helping the Boston Federation entertain the delegates of the Young People's Religious Union on May 27. It was announced that the fall meeting would be held at Newton Centre October 17, 1915.

After the business meeting, which lasted an hour, out-of-door sports were enjoyed, followed by a picnic lunch and dancing until eight o'clock.

ALDEN V. KEENE,
Secretary.

"1915" Bazaar

The preliminary booklet of the Young People's Religious Union "1915" Bazaar is just from the printer and makes attractive reading to enclose in a letter to a friend or relative — every Unitarian should see it.

The fair is announced for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 4, 5, and 6, at Hotel Vendome, Boston, Mass.

Although about all the tables have chairmen, there is to be plenty of work to keep everyone employed. No one who wishes to help need feel that there is sufficient assistance, for a large fair of two or three days requires a goodly number of helpers. We assuredly need the hearty and undivided enthusiasm and support of everyone, interested not only in the Unitarian young people but in the denomination as a whole.

"The money thus raised has to last two years and go a long way, for if it were not for something of this kind the Young People's Religious Union could not do the work it is doing today.

"The Young People's Religious Union each year pledges a certain sum of money to help carry on the valuable work of Student Assistants in some of the western churches. The money raised every two years by the means of the 'Fair' has to be carefully spent to meet all the demands.

"Will you not make up your mind on which table you prefer to serve and let us know at once that we may refer you to the chairman of that table? We want every union credited with doing something. We want to do better than the best we have ever done. Will you help? We need you. No one is too far away to send something, money or articles.

"The bazaar will hold out many inducements and we hope to interest you. Our arrangements are being rapidly completed and with the co-operation of all our friends we are sure of success.

"Already many unions and federations have expressed willingness to serve, and are assigned to tables. Some unions prefer to send money, which is most acceptable; but whether money or service is offered, we urge every union and federation to make it a part of the year's work to *support in some way* the Young People's Religious Union in the coming bazaar."

Dates to be Remembered

Saturday, July 17. Young People's Day at the Shoals Summer Meetings. 9 A. M., Service by Rev. Otto Lyding of Roxbury. 10 A. M., Two Addresses: "The Parish Worker at Work" by Miss Caroline L. Carter, Hingham, Mass., and "Social Service in the Public Schools" by Miss Marion H. Studley, Springfield, Mass. 8 P. M., lecture by Mr. William U. Snow, an Editor of the Associated Press.

Thursday, August 26. 2.30 P. M., joint meeting under the auspices of the Unitarian Sunday School Society and the Y. P. R. U., William H. Taft, LL.D., President of the General Conference, presiding. Addresses by David Starr Jordan, LL.D., Leland Stanford University, California, and Rev. Sydney B. Snow, Boston, Mass.

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"I see the moral forces of civilization with our splendid nation well in the van, closing in on this liquor evil as they closed in half a century ago on slavery. I covet leadership for our free fellowship in the great fight. I can conceive no greater rebuke than that a few years hence those who will have borne the brunt of battle shall turn to us as Henry of Navarre turned to his friend to say, 'Go hang yourself, brave Cleon. We fought at Arque and you were not there.' We have done much but not enough. *Noblesse oblige.*"

These were the words used by Rev. Edgar S. Wiers of New Jersey, at the annual meeting of the Unitarian Temperance Society, held in the Arlington Street Church, on May 26. Rev. John Haynes Holmes also spoke for National Prohibition as the best means of giving the rising anti-alcohol sentiment a chance to make headway. An open-air rally was held outside Park Street Church. Lantern slides were shown and Unitarians were urged to take up this outdoor education as the best means of reaching the workingman. Prof. Irving Fisher had been asked to speak but, unable to attend, he sent an open letter to Mrs. Tilton to be read at all open-air meetings. It was addressed to Labor Leaders and begged them not to line up on the side of Liquor against National Prohibition. For labor to oppose this reform measure on the ground that it would make unemployment was as ridiculous as for undertakers to oppose preventive medicine on the ground that they lost jobs by it.

The money invested in liquor is worse than wasted. Put it into any other important industry and it will make *more jobs*, for it is productive industries, building, manufacturing, etc., that make the wealth that makes the jobs. National Prohibition will be a great economic asset. As it is now, for every $1.00 that Labor spends on Liquor, it receives from Liquor in wages *Only Ten Cents*.

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